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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. Claims 1-23 are presented for examination.
2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-16, drawn to dynamically creating new users including user profile database particulars, redirecting the user to a login page particulars, webserver particulars, and access rights particulars including the gateway device locally maintaining the login page, the user profile database is located within the gateway device, and also the user profile database is located within the AAA server, updating the user profile database, user profile database containing historical data, and utilizing HTTP requests, classified in class 713, subclasses 200, 202 and class 707, subclass 1.
 - II. Claims 17-23, drawn to redirecting users to a destination network with portal page particulars including a gateway device, redirecting to the portal page, wherein the portal page is maintained on a server local to the gateway device and redirecting the user to the portal page customized by the user, and portal page is created by an administrator, classified in class 709, subclass 203, 225 and 245.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as it is usable by any

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system with dynamically creating new users including user profile database particulars, redirecting the user to a login page particulars, webserver particulars, and access rights particulars including the gateway device locally maintaining the login page, the user profile database is located within the gateway device, and also the user profile database is located within the AAA server, updating the user profile database, user profile database containing historical data, and utilizing HTTP requests features and which lacked features of the second group of claims, e.g., redirecting users to a destination network with portal page particulars including a gateway device, redirecting to the portal page, wherein the portal page is maintained on a server local to the gateway device and redirecting the user to the portal page customized by the user, and portal page is created by an administrator, classified in class 713, subclasses 200, 202 and class 707, subclass 1. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Invention II has separate utility such as it is usable by any system which lacked features of group I of claims, e.g., dynamically creating new users including user profile database particulars, redirecting the user to a login page particulars, webserver particulars, and access rights particulars including the gateway device locally maintaining the login page, the user profile database is located within the gateway device, and also the user profile database is located within the AAA server, updating the user profile database, user profile database containing historical data, and utilizing HTTP requests, classified in class 709, subclasses 203, 225, and 245.

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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and because the search required for each group is different and not co-extensive for examination purpose because these groups would require different searches on PTO's classification class and subclass e.g.

a) the Group I search (1-16) would require use of search classified in Class 713, subclasses 200, 202 and class 707, subclass 1 (which would not required for the Group II);

b) the Group II search (claims 17-23) would require use of search Class 709, subclasses 203, 225 and 245, (which would not be required for the Group I, therefore restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5 Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehmet Geckil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9676. The examiner can normally be reached on all days of the week from 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached on (703)305-4815. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 746-7239.

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